REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were pending. Applicants have cancelled claims 3 and 5. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 5 and should now be allowable. The dependencies on claims 4,6, 7, and 8 have been amended to depend upon claim 1.

CONCLUSION

All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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